

Preslow

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D. PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.

The Port Health Administrative District has been described in previous Reports.

1.- Amount of Shipping Entering the Port during the Year.

	No. of Vessels	Tonnage	Inspections		Re-inspections	No. of Defects	
			by Port Med. Off.	by the San. Insp.		Found	Remedied
FOREIGN	59	51,683	52	59	19	8	8
COASTWISE	1,446	319,256	-	187	2	16	16

2.- Water Supply.

There is no change in the character of or arrangements for the supply of water, which is derived from the town supply, an upland surface water of good quality.

3.- Port Sanitary Regulations, 1933.

The arrangements in force to carry out the provisions of these Regulations have been described fully in a previous Report.

There were no cases of infectious sickness landed from vessels during the year.

There were no cases of infectious sickness occurring on vessels during the voyage.

4.- Measures against Rodents.

Measures have been taken under each of the following headings on the lines detailed in previous Reports:-

- (1) For the detection of rodent plague (a) in ships in the Port, and (b) on quays, wharves and in warehouses in the vicinity of the Port;
- (ii) To prevent the passage of rats between ships and the shore;
- (iii) For the de-ratisation of (a) ships, and (b) premises in the vicinity of docks and quays;
- (iv) For the detection of rat prevalence in ships and on the shore;
- (v) (a) For the maintenance of rat-proofing of docks, wharves, warehouses and other premises, and (b) for the extension of rat-proof measures.

Measures of rat destruction on plague- "infected" or "suspected" vessels or vessels from plague-infected ports arriving in the Port during the year:-

Fumigated by SO ₂	...	Nil	Number of rats killed	Nil
Fumigated by HCN	...	3	Number of rats killed	20
On which trapping, poisoning, etc., were employed	...	2	Number of rats killed	13

5.- Hygiene of Crews' Spaces.

CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCES.

Nationality	Number of Vessels Inspected	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear and tear	Dirt, Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
British ...	194
Others ...	52	...	9	15

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, the crews and passengers of all foreign vessels arriving from European and North African ports were medically examined before permission to land was given. This arrangement has special reference to the risk of importation of typhus fever.

6.- Food Inspection.

Shellfish.

No legal action was taken under the Preston (Shellfish) Regulations, 1923: the mussel cleansing tanks were visited and Posters prohibiting the use of mussels unless they are treated at the cleansing tanks, were exhibited in appropriate positions.

7.- Canal Boats.

No cases of infectious disease occurred during the year. There are now six canal boats on the Register, and nine visits were made to them.

